

**Woodstock Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 7:30 p.m., Meeting Room A**

Members present: P. Garrison, G. Jacobson, J. Kaeding, J. Pillo, M. Robie, E.Z. Smith and L. Wesler
Absent: C. Adams and W. Loftus

1. Meeting called to order at 7:31p.m.

2. Seating of alternates – None.

3. Approval/Amendment of minutes: J. Pillo clarified that the Rain Garden installed at the Arboretum was in fact operational and just needed some maintenance. Motion to approve with noted adjustment by E. Smith, seconded J. Pillo.

4. Chairperson's Report – J. Kaeding will write a letter to the Selectman after receiving the forestry goals from B. Smith in hopes of affirming their concurrence on moving forward with the Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Quarry Road parcel.

5. Treasurer's Report: \$840.00. Remainder of last year's budget transferred to savings account as it was earmarked for the FMP and NECCOG mapping. This gives us a balance of \$2,190.69 in savings.

6. Public participation – None.

7. Communications –

Email received from NECCOG pertaining to National Scenic ByWay public meetings.

Email concerning Camp Nahaco asking WCC to partner with the Commission and the Town of Eastford on some projects. Pillo suggested mapping trails as a potential joint project.

Email about Flood & Erosion Control Board reappointment. Pillo agreed to be on it.

Copy of a letter from the Lyman's addressed to P&Z regarding Smith Road's scenic status and the Town Highway Dept. plan to chip seal the road.

Letter from CACIWC reminding us of membership dues (which were paid) and upcoming conference.

8. Old Business:

a. DRC Report – Application to have Pond Rd. designated as historic and to remain a dirt road. The Conservation Commission supports this application.

b. OSLA&APC – No report as C. Adams was not present. J. Pillo brought the Open Space map to show new parcels to be added to map. Pillo said she would follow up with NECCOG and AG Commission to coordinate getting a Soils map for town-owned Open Space. B. Smith to compare the listing of committed open space prepared by Judy Walberg and Delia Fey with the existing list, and post on the WCC website.

c. P&Z report –. Smith Road decision to be determined at the next P&Z meeting.

9. New Business:

a. Discussion on C. Rosenfield easement – report from E. Smith was extensive and comprehensive, and all agreed it was a very good plan. There was a question about whether The Wyndham Land Trust would be allowed to sell the land for development, and the answer is no. The deed will prohibit industrial or

residential development. The deed restrictions will allow for continued agricultural and forestry use. There was a discussion about what “in perpetuity” means in a deed, and apparently in some jurisdictions the term of conditions may be limited to a long, but finite period such as 99 years. Next steps for “undoing” this subdivision and putting it into open space are concurrence by the Board of Finance, PZC (for consistency with the POCD), and a town meeting.

b. Open Discussion – Nothing further at this meeting.

c. Notice/review of past /upcoming Workshops – No further workshops were noted.

10. Adjournment – E. Smith motioned, L. Wesler seconded, meeting adjourned 8:25PM.

Note: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Conservation Commission. Please refer to minutes from the next meeting for approval/amendments. Respectfully submitted by G. Jacobson, WCC Secretary